

We cannot pass this budget, just like we could not pass it last year. It increases tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans at the expense of the middle class. On average, \$2,000 more in taxes will be charged to the middle class. This budget also does nothing to replace the arbitrary and irrational cuts of the sequester. As a result, 750,000 jobs will be lost this year alone.

The Republican budget would end Medicare as we know it and force Alabama seniors to pay more for health care. It will reopen the doughnut hole, and 48,264 Alabama seniors will have to pay more for prescription drugs. This budget also cuts \$6.2 billion in health care.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve more. We can't allow our Republican leadership to continue to try to give tax breaks to the wealthy at the expense of the middle class.

CROSS-BORDER TRADE ENHANCEMENT ACT

(Mr. O'ROURKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support the Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act, a bipartisan bill introduced this week that will create jobs and facilitate trade at no cost to the Federal Government.

Trade between the U.S. and Mexico has grown by 600 percent since 1990 and continues to increase each year; 100,000 jobs in El Paso, Texas, and 6 million nationwide depend on this trade. Unfortunately, capacity at our ports of entry has not kept pace. Despite increased staffing and use of technology, waits at our ports are unpredictable and unacceptably long.

This bill will help us solve this problem. By authorizing public-private partnerships, this legislation would provide Customs and Border Patrol effective new tools to improve infrastructure, expand capacity, and increase staffing at our ports of entry without new costs for U.S. taxpayers.

At a time of heightened partisanship, this legislation is proof that when Democrats and Republicans work together, we can advance commonsense ideas that can create jobs.

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THERE THEY GO AGAIN

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. The Ryan budget. In the words of the great Republican President, whom the Republicans like to remember: There they go again.

It's the same budget. It's catering to the wealthy, and it's cutting the middle class. It's reducing the top tax rate to 25 percent, which will give the wealthiest \$200,000 a piece in tax

breaks, and it continues the sequestration—a stupid, meat-ax approach to our budget that cuts \$1.6 billion from the National Institutes of Health.

Does anybody out there, Mr. Speaker, have cancer? heart disease? Is anybody thinking about some relative who might have Alzheimer's? AIDS? polio? diabetes?

Cures and treatments come from the National Institutes of Health, and you're not going to get them if they cut \$1.6 billion to \$1.8 billion out of it. The cures and treatment will benefit the next generation more than this generation, and that's what we should be doing is investing there. This foolish, meat-ax approach is to be continued with the Ryan budget, and it will cost us lives and stop us from being a leader in research and innovation. We need to have a smart budget and invest in the National Institutes of Health and preserve our human infrastructure.

THE RYAN BUDGET

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment about the budget introduced this week by the Republican Budget chairman, PAUL RYAN.

The first thing we notice about this budget is that it is nothing more than a tiresome rehash of the right-wing wish list. I call it a "tiresome rehash" because we already know that Representative RYAN doesn't like ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable health care. We remember he doesn't like allowing coverage for pre-existing conditions. We understand that he doesn't like closing the Medicare part D loophole, doughnut hole, for seniors. We are acquainted with his dislike for granting preventative health care services to women. We already know that he wants to turn Medicare into a lousy voucher system that costs seniors thousands of dollars extra every year for their health care whether they have it or not, and we already know that the American public rejects these positions as it did in the last election.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: Can we not, at long last, move on?

RULE VIII NOTIFICATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following notifications under rule VIII:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 13, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, purporting to require certain responses to a questionnaire in connection with a civil case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined under Rule VIII that the subpoena seeks information that is not "material and relevant" and that it is not "consistent with the privileges and rights of the House." Accordingly, I intend to move to quash the subpoena.

God and Texas,

TED POE,
Member of Congress.

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BOB GOODLATTE,
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LAMAR SMITH,
Member of Congress.